

Investigations Complaint Summaries for 2006

Detectives in the Investigations Division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office maintain the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and professionalism due to their position in the criminal justice system. It is the policy of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office to provide a summary of the investigations conducted the previous year to the public.

The following summarizes the complaints that were lodged during 2006.

Citizens Complaints:

- CC 06-01 alleged a Detective used inappropriate language towards a citizen. This investigation was Unfounded.

Internal Investigations:

- 06-02 alleged a Lieutenant used a county vehicle to drive back and forth to an off duty job. The allegation was sustained.
- 06-05 alleged a Detective improperly served and documented the service of a subpoena. The allegation was sustained.
- 06-06 is an on-going investigation and has not been finalized. The information concerning this investigation will not be included in this summary.
- 06-07 alleged a Lieutenant made improper remarks during a Bureau meeting. The allegation was sustained.
- 06-20 alleged the Acting Chief discriminated against employees concerning selection of personnel for a special project. The allegation was not sustained.

There was only one citizen's complaint during 2006 which was the same number of citizen's complaints from the previous year.

There were five internal investigations against Division Detectives/Supervisors during 2006 which was a 150% increase in the number of investigations from the previous year. An analysis of all the 2006 investigations further disclosed:

- Of the Internal Affairs cases and Citizen Complaints involving Detectives, policy violations accounted for 100% of the cases for 2006.
- Internal Investigation 06-06 is an on-going investigation and has not been finalized. The information concerning this investigation will not be included in this summary.

- 40% (2) of the reported investigations during 2006 were either Unfounded or Not Sustained. 60% (3) of the investigations were Sustained with the Detective/Supervisor being appropriately disciplined.

There does not appear to be any pattern with regard to the nature of the complaints, indicating that there is not one particular area of concern within the MCAO investigations Division.